**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in "execution of MGNREGS works in Atreyapuram Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel of East Godavari District - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.V. Suryanarayana, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile) under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No.794** **Dated:16.11.2023.**

Read the following

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against **Sri A.V. Suryanarayana,** the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis behavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. **Sri A.V. Suryanarayana,** the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile) is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri A.V. Suryanarayana,** the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri A.V. Suryanarayana,** the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of **Sri A.V. Suryanarayana,** the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile)is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government.

(P.T.O)

If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMET

To
Sri A.V. Suryanarayana, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI sub Division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy.EE, Rajamahendravaram Rural, East Godavari District(erstwhile) **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)
**Copy to:**
The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

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## ANNEXURE – I

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.SURYANARAYANA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL.**

**CHARGE:**

That Sri A.V.Suryanarayana, while working as Dy.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta (presently working as Dy.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Rajamahendravaram Rural) has checkmeasured and allowed the inferior quality of the following works 1 & 2, thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Work No.1: "Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M)" (ID No.04706431009080025).

Work No.2: "Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M)" (ID No.047064310009080023).

By his above mentioned act, Sri A.V.Suryanarayana, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta and presently working as Dy. Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Rajamahendravaram Rural has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Hence, the Charge.

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## ANNEXURE-II

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.SURYANARAYANA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL BASIS:**

In the Vigilance Report No.50(311//V&E/Engg/2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads & drains in Atreyapuram (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District under MGNREGS taken up by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and reported as follows:

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Work No.1: "Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga(V) in Atreyapuram(M)"(ID No.04706431009080025). At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls were completed and recorded in M.Book. Payment was made for bed concrete and drain walls for a length of 220 metres out of 285 metres proposed i.e. from KM 0/045 to KM 0/265 by the time of V&E inspection. As of now, 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.15,01,986/- vide MB No.129/A/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and seigniorage charges, etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made. It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/Estt.I(1)/99-2, PR&RD(PROGS) Dept., dt. 09.02.2000. The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

| Sl. No. | Grade of concrete | Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual strength ($N/mm^2$) | Average strength ($N/mm^2$) |
| 1 | M15 | 11.25 | 12.75 |
| 2 | M20 | 15.00 | 17.00 |

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

The test results were as follows:

| Core No. | Location of the core extracted | Grade of concrete | Compressive strength in $N/mm^2$ | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Achieved | Required | |
| | **L/S Drain wall** | | | | |
| 1 | L/s wall @ KM 0/050, 0.30m from top | M15 | 3.5 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 3 | L/s wall @ KM 0/165 on top of wall | M15 | 9.0 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 5 | L/s wall @ KM 0/200, 0.32m from top | M15 | 6.4 | 11.25 | Failed |
| | **Average** | | 6.30 | 12.75 | Failed |
| | **R/S Drain wall** | | | | |
| 2 | R/s wall @ KM 0/090, 0.45m from top | M15 | 9.4 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 4 | R/s wall @ KM 0/190, 0.30 m from top | M15 | 7.9 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 5 | R/s wall @ KM 0/210, 0.38m from top | M15 | 7.3 | 11.25 | Failed |
| | **Average** | | 8.20 | 12.75 | **Failed** |

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The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the C.C. drains failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain walls were found to be liable for rejection.

Hence, the rejected components should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,13,883/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

Work No.2: "Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Office (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M)" (ID No.047064310009080023).

At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls for a length of 180 metres of 280 metres was completed. Payment was also made for an amount of Rs.9,38,631/-.The construction work of balance drain wall was in progress. As of now, the work was completed and 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.13,97,681/- vide M.Book No.271/B/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and siegniorage charges etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made.

It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/Estt.I (1)/99-2, PR&RD (PROGS) Dept ., dt. 09.02.2000.

The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book.

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field officers.

The test results were as follows:

| Core No. | Location of the core extracted | Grade of concrete | Compressive strength in $N/mm^2$ | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Achieved | Required | |
| | **L/S Drain wall** | | | | |
| 7 | L/s wall @ KM 0/010, 0.37m from top | M15 | 6.6 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 10 | L/s wall @ KM 0/075, 0.30m from top | M15 | 2.3 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 13 | L/s wall @ KM 0/160, 0.38m from top | M15 | 6.0 | 11.25 | Failed |
| | **Average** | | 4.97 | 12.75 | Failed |
| | **R/S Drain wall** | | | | |
| 9 | R/s wall @ KM 0/020, | M15 | 11.8 | 11.25 | Satisfactory |
| | 0.36m from top | | | | |
| 12 | R/s wall @ KM 0/130, 0.34m from top | M15 | 2.0 | 11.25 | Failed |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | R/s wall @ KM 0/170, 0.38m from top | M15 | 10.0 | 11.25 | Failed |
| | Average | | 7.93 | 12.75 | Failed |
| | Bed concrete | | | | |
| 8 | Bed @ KM 0/014.5 | M 15 | 8.2 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 11 | Bed @ KM 0/080 | M 15 | 7.9 | 11.25 | Failed |
| 15 | Bed @ KM 0/105 | M 15 | 7.5 | 11.25 | Failed |
| | Average | | 7.87 | 12.75 | Failed |

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the L/s drain wall &R/s drain wall and bed concrete failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain wall and bed concrete were found to be liable for rejection. Hence, the rejected components should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.9,26,040/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

The V&E Dept. has not accepted the version of the Officers and concluded the allegations that the drain works taken up under SC & ST plan were executed with substandard quality and without mixing the ingredients of concrete in specified proportions in the villages of Athreyapuram (M) and without proper supervision of departmental Officers was substantiated as explained above.

Thus, A.V.Suryanarayana, while working as Dy.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Kothapeta (presently working as Dy.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Rajamahendravaram Rural) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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## ANNEXURE-III

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGEFRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.SURYANARAYANA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA ANDPRESENTLY WORKING AS DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUBDIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED**

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Vigilance Report No.50(311/V&E/Engg./2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director-General, Genl.Admn. (Vigilance and Enforcement) Dept.

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## ANNEXURE-IV

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.SURYANARAYANA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUBDIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED**

- NIL –

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